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**Declaration and Power of Attorney**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled, RANDOM MEDIUM ACCESS METHODS WITH BACKOFF ADAPTATION TO TRAFFIC the specification of which  is attached hereto  was filed on as application Serial No. .

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by an amendment, if any, specifically referred to in this oath or declaration.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information known to me which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, 119 (a-d) or 365(a-b) of any PCT or foreign application(s) for patent or inventors' certificate listed below or priority benefits under 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventors' certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

**60/258,885, filed January 2, 2001  
60/261,165, filed January 16, 2001  
60/264,727, filed January 30, 2001  
60/267,439, filed February 9, 2001  
60/270,862, filed February 26, 2001  
60/271,731, filed February 28, 2001  
60/272,789, filed March 5, 2001**

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

**U.S. Application Serial No. 09/985,257, filed November 2, 2001, pending**

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute said application, to make alterations and amendments therein, to receive the patent, and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:

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